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BY FEDERAL EXPRESS

Hon. Mary Cottrell, Secretary Department of Telecommunications & Energy One South Station, 2nd Floor Boston, MA 02110

Re: Boston Gas Company - D.T.E. 03-40

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Enclosed please find an original and five (5) copies of the "Petition of the Massachusetts Oilheat Council, Inc. and the Massachusetts Alliance for Fair Competition, Inc. For Leave To Participate As Parties" together with a Certificate of Service.

Pursuant to the D.T.E.'s Notice of April 24, 2003, enclosed is a 3.5" IBM-compatible disk containing this transmittal letter, the Petition and the Certificate of Service in WordPerfect format (.wpd suffix).

If you have any questions in this matter, please contact the undersigned, counsel to the petitioners.

Please date stamp our "File Copy" and return in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Very truly yours,

EP/mac Emilio Petroccione

Enclosures

cc: Hon. Jeanne Voveris, Hearing Officer (by overnight delivery and first class mail) w/enclosures

Service List (by overnight delivery and first class mail) w/enclosures